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re: Federal Register Request for Information: Performance Standard for *Vibrio*  
*vulnificus* - Docket number 98p-0504- Volume 64, Number 13, Page 3300-3301

Dear Mr. Hubbard:

I have consulted with health, medical and other groups in regards to the FDA's proposals to add restrictions or requirements regarding Pacific Northwest shellfish harvested in areas of increased *V. parahaemolyticus* levels. They feel, as I do now, that this would be counter productive, increasing incidences of vibro from recreational harvesting. Regardless of the sincerity, credibility of the FDA and the shellfish industry would both be at risk due to increasing incidences in the recreation area.

The consensus is that a better solution could only come from providing more financial aid and time contributing to the industries own research that now exist.

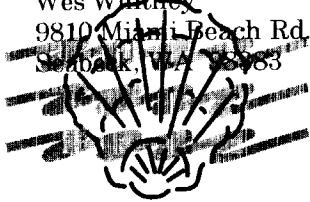
Sincerely,

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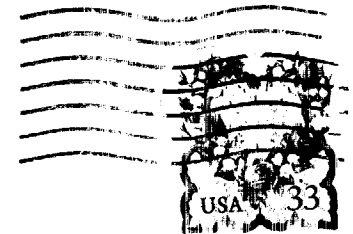
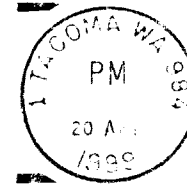
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